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1. PRIME MINISTER DATUK HUSSEIN ONN DELIVERED HARD-HITTING, MORALISTIC KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT UMNO ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 11. HIGHLIGHTS OF SPEECH INCLUDED ATTACK ON OBSCURANTIST MUSLIM RELIGIOUS EXTREMISTS, YOUTHFUL MALAY DRUG ABUSERS, AND MALAY DISSIDENTS "INCLUDING SOME UMNO LEADERS" WHO DISTRACT MALAYS WITH PETTY, SELF-SERVING PROBLEMS.

PM PREACHED "BERSATU" (UNITY) THEME HE HAS SOUNDED RECENTLY IN OTHER FORA BUT WARNED MALAYS AGAINST BEING JEALOUS OF OTHER ETHNIC COMMUNITIES' SUCCESS, URGING THEM INSTEAD TO WORK HARD AND GRASP OPPURTUNITIES PROVIDED BY

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GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS ON THEIR BEHALF. PARTY AND NTAIONAL FRONT COALITION UNITY DRAMATIZED BY PRSEENCE OF BOTH PARTY AND NF "OLD TIMERS" SUCH AS EX-PM TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN AS WELL AS SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF CURRENT LEADERSHIP. OCCASION ALSO PROVIDED VENUE FOR UNAUGURATION OF NEW UMNO COOPERATIVE SOCIETY. ALTHOUGH DETAILS OF AFTERNOON CLOSED DOOR "DIALOGUE SESSION" HAVE YET TO LEAK OUT WE HAVE HEARD ONE SECOND HAND REPORT THAT

DISCUSSIONS INTERALIA TOUCHED ON TIMING OF NEXT GENERAL ELECTIONS,
PREVAILING CONSENSUS BEING THAT EARLY NEXT YEAR WOULD BE
MOST SUITABLE. ALTHOUGH WE FIND THE PM'S SPEECH REFRESHINGLY
CANDID, PRAGMATIC AND STATESMANLIKE WE
WONDER WHETHER OTHERS IN UMNO WILL HEED HIS CALL TO TAKE THE
HIGH ROAD.

2. ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOLLOW VIA AIRGRAM.
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